

# The Clearfield AREA TODAY - TOMORROW

BY GEORGE A. SCOTT, EDITOR OF THE PROGRESS

Two musicians with Clearfield County backgrounds who are making their names in two different styles of music are Lin Biviano and Howard Vokes. Lin, whose father, Santo, was a one-time top musician in the Clearfield area, is an exponent of "Big Band" music; Howard, a native of Clearfield, is known as "Pennsylvania's King of Country Music".

Columnist Anne Elke reports in "News of Delaware County" of June 19 the latest on Lin Biviano. (We understand The Philadelphia Inquirer also did a story on Lin but didn't see the article).



Lin Biviano

"At a time when small groups, whether rock, folk or jazz, are the rule rather than the exception, the Lin Biviano Orchestra serves as a musical enigma," writes Ms. Elke. "It is unique not for its size... but for its leader who, in his late 20s, must be one of the youngest big band leaders around today... But in spite of this, the appeal of the Lin Biviano Orchestra is seemingly universal."

"As for the band itself, its 14 members are mostly veteran players of other jazz orchestras including those of Buddy Rich and Maynard Ferguson and come from virtually all over the country... An arrangement of 'Yesterday I Heard The Rain' by Biviano stood to illustrate both his exceptional writing and lead trumpet capabilities... The 14-piece band is due to record in July on Stan Kenton's Chicago based 'Creative' label... So it looks as though Lin Biviano may, after some 10 years of hard work be headed for the kind of public acceptance that is often referred to as 'an overnight success'."

From Jamboree Spectacular of New Kensington comes a biographical sketch of Howard Vokes which starts out "One of Pennsylvania's major contributions to country music is a versatile man we all know as Howard Vokes. His devoted efforts to the field of music we all love so much is a never ending battle. The many, many entertainers that he has helped to get a start in the country music business reads like a 'Who's Who'."



Howard Vokes

"Howard's many successes include manager of several country artists, a booking agency, song-writer, music publisher, record owner, promoter, singer and really anything else that might pertain to country music circles. He has been involved with it all and the name Howard Vokes is known all over the world. In Music City, U.S.A., Nashville, Tenn., there's probably not a minute goes by that someone doesn't mention Howard's name."

Howard Vokes was born June 13, 1931, in Clearfield, one of 13 children, and has a number of relatives living in the County today. He became interested in country music at an early age and at six years was playing the harmonica and the guitar at 11. By age 15 he was singing at parties and working with different bands.

Shot in the right ankle in a hunting accident, he spent six weeks in a hospital and while recovering began to write songs. Recovered, he formed his now famous "Country Boy" band, began recording and became manager of singers Denver Duke and Jeffery Null, who soon were appearing on such top shows as the Grand Ole Opry, WLAC Jamboree, Ernest Tubb Record Shop, and WVVA Jamboree. Howard, himself, began singing in a show in Cleveland, Ohio, soon was recording with his Country Boy band and then made appearances in Nashville. Howard's records are now released not only in this country but are popular in Canada, Norway, Australia and Great Britain.

Howard is a traditionalist in country music and willing to fight for it. "Really, the public is 'fed-up' with the confusion, trash and experimentation in country music," he says. "The older artists paved the way for what country music is today and it makes my heart feel very happy that we're getting back to the fiddle and a steel-guitar 'kick-offs' and 'turn-arounds' on country records once again."

Lin Biviano, "big band" musician; Howard Vokes, "country music" stylist. Both are artists in their fields.

## Post Watergate Summer Is Welcome Change

By NICK THIMMESCH  
WASHINGTON — The weather here is the same as last summer — hot and muggy — but the political atmosphere is vastly changed. Instead of a President defending himself from a Congress ready to impeach him, we have a President commanding an embarrassed, stumbling Congress.

### Washington View

There are other welcome differences.

One year ago, the air was heavy with accusation against the beleaguered President Richard Nixon. Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski pressed hard to get his mitts on those 64 White House tapes he regarded as crucial. Peter W. Rodino (D-N.J.), chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, moved that body toward the bill of impeachment they would vote on July 30.

The atmosphere was foul. A U.S. senator, Lowell Weicker (R-Conn.), praised those who leaked information about people under suspicion or indictment, especially if the leaks came from the Judiciary Committee which, ostensibly, was supposed to be carrying on in a judicious manner. Weicker himself

proudly announced he had leaked information himself — on acting FBI Director L. Patrick Gray III.

Rodino, playing the role of a serious, fair-minded man to the hilt, strayed considerably when he let it out that all 21 Democratic members of his committee were going to vote for impeachment of the President. This caused White House spokesmen, including then-Vice President Gerald Ford, to cry "partisan lynch mob," and stunk up the impeachment procedure.

The President's men were already doing time or looking bad in court.

The Ehrlichs' trial showed that John Ehrlichman was a goner in that part of his travail; the Watergate case itself waited for him.

John Dean, one-time White House counsel turned stoolpigeon, was a favorite of Nixon haters. The good and bad guy syndrome was operative, to use a word Press Secretary Ron Ziegler regretted more than anything.

As for Richard Nixon, he was desperately trying to hold on — first with a sweep through the Middle East where Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger had negotiated an interim agreement between foes, and then to Moscow for his second

summit meeting there, but one which was far less momentous than that of election year, 1972.

The President was crippled by Watergate and by phlebitis as well. His face was gray and haggard. White House Chief of Staff Alexander Haig carefully weighed the possibility of the President's quick departure.

It was a stinking summer, bad for the republic and its patient citizenry, already afflicted with inflation and the gathering recession. Leadership was nil.

When Nixon became the first U.S. President to resign, on Aug. 6, Gerald Ford entered — a kind of Harry Truman with Dwight Eisenhower touches — and few thought he would be whomping the stuff out of a two-to-one Democratic Congress just 10 months later.

Mr. Ford, an intrepid laborer for his party and in the Congress, was never accused of possessing an excess of charisma or imagination. Once he got over the hump of the Nixon pardon, and through the thicket of the "WIN" campaign, Mr. Ford steadied, and took the measure of that body of limp anarchists elected with only 38 per cent of the voters

Washington is not experiencing its most exciting moments with Mr. Ford as President, but who cares? The relief is appreciated, and the absence of Watergate law-talk on the front page is lovely. We have a President who is trying his best, doesn't mind being lectured to by his friends and is making four-square fashionable again.

Of Mr. Ford's 33 presidential vetoes, he has been overridden on just three, and this current fumbling Congress has yet to override one.

Moreover, he has shown a sense of command, especially in the Mayaguez affair, and is slowly earning the respect of the citizenry. He's not brilliant, but he's not bad, and sometimes steady fellows wind up with far better records than the flashier ones.

As the Democrats look to 1976, they must mull the truth that their two most exciting candidates — Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) and Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace — are not so appetizing, and the rest of the pack are bland stuff, indeed.

We sweat and gasp for clean air to breathe here, but are grateful the political atmosphere is so improved over one year ago.

## A Bicentennial Feature

We Hold These Truths... A Chronicle of America

July 5, 1775:

In a final, formal effort at reconciliation, Congress on this day approves — and signs on the 8th — a document pleading with the King for a negotiated cessation of hostilities. Written by John Dickinson, it is given the deprecatory label "the Olive Branch Petition" by John Adams. Like Adams, most of the 49 who sign the petition believe it to be an exercise in futility. The petition states, in part: "We solemnly assure your Majesty that we not only most ardently desire [that] the former harmony between [Britain] and these colonies may be restored, but that a concord may be established between them upon so firm a basis, as to perpetuate its blessing uninterrupted by any future dissensions to succeeding generations in both countries." The petition is taken to England by Richard Penn — a loyalist and the grandson of William Penn. The King refuses to receive either the petition or Penn.



Dickinson

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## Favorable Balance of Trade Is Favorable Sign

By JOHN CUNIFF  
AP Business Analyst  
NEW YORK (AP) — For a very long time the only economic news we heard was

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bad — goals unmet, ex-

pectations unrealized, events failing to live up to forecasts.

Now the news is changing, and no one item represents a more interesting departure from the past mold than the latest figures for U.S. trade activity. A huge surplus, \$1.05 billion, was reported for May.

Only a few months ago private and government trade officials were expecting a trade deficit, or that Americans would buy more abroad than foreigners spent here.

A large or continued outflow of this sort is of great significance because when a country regularly spends more than it sells it weakens its entire system. It lets its energy drain away.

It is little different from the typical householder's situation. If he runs a deficit for a year or two, living off credit, he might not get into trouble. There's no necessity to balance your books by the year.

If, however, he continues to live beyond his means, buying more than he produces in the way of a

paycheck, he's headed for trouble. Eventually he'll have to pay those bills or buy less.

When a nation falls into bad habits of this sort a red light goes on in the international currency markets. The country is indicating weakness, and its currency becomes less desirable to hold. It drops in price.

If the situation isn't corrected the nation might be forced to devalue its money.

When the May trade figures were announced the trading world was encouraged, and the price of the dollar was bid up in foreign markets to its highest in several weeks.

Considering the forecasts of just a few months ago — that the nation would run a trade deficit — this news is extremely welcome and surprising. How did it come

about?

Examination of the figures shows that the country imported 11.5 per cent less in May than in April, a reflection of the depressed state of economic activity to be sure, but overall, a healthy turn.

Unfortunately, but also reflecting worldwide recession, American exports also declined, but only by 5 per cent. On balance, the figures were decidedly in favor of the United States.

While the figures are interpreted as an indication of better U.S. economic health, some further evidence is needed that the situation isn't a short-term aberration.

For one thing, the decline in imports resulted mainly from a sharp cutback in oil pur-

chases, a development that puzzles. It will take a couple of more months to confirm whether or not oil imports will remain lower than anticipated.

Nevertheless, it appears likely now that the United States will export more than it imports in 1975, which is a definite improvement over a trade deficit of \$2.3 billion in 1974.

Jan. 21, 1924, Lenin died and the struggle for power between Trotsky and Stalin began with the latter eventually winning.

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Who's Who Among American High School Students.  
Paul C. Krouse  
Publisher



They (the sailors) dropped four anchors from the stern and prayed for daylight to come. (Acts 27:29 (NEB))  
PRAYER: Help us, our Father, to remember that even when the night is darkest we can be sure morning will come. Give us the strength that comes through faith in Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Yesterday...

### 10 Years Ago

July 2, 1965

Swimming in the area of the boating ramp at Lower Witmer Park will be prohibited as a result of action taken by Clearfield Borough Council last night.

David A. Hamilton, 42, well-known Coalport area businessman, died of a heart attack at his home yesterday morning.

### 50 Years Ago

July 2, 1925

Everything is in readiness for the fifth annual celebration of Independence Day by the Clearfield American Legion July 3 and 4. Seventy horses await the starter's gong tomorrow and 80 floats or exhibits stand by for the mammoth historical and patriotic parade Saturday. There will be C. & C. League baseball games with Clearfield facing Sykesville and Philipsburg, concerts by the Legion band, fireworks displays, dancing in Exposition Hall and performances by the Helkivists, sensational high divers into a fiery tank.

Gordon Warner, Dorothy McCorkle and Anna Mann of Junior High and James Barry and Mary Logan of the Parochial School, winners of American Legion and D.A.R. prizes in school this year, were honor guests of the Clearfield Rotary Club last night.

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